

being incorporated in the incorporation sheet, each of said connection pads being electrically connected to one antenna terminal,

wherein:

• the first covering sheet directly covers the incorporation sheet and the second covering sheet directly covers the support sheet.

6. (Amended) The portable object according to claim 5, wherein the support sheet, the incorporation sheet and the first and second covering sheets are made of PVC.

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification and the claims are made to conform to the requirements for patent applications in the United States. No new matter was introduced by such amendments. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX A – MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

1. ~~Method for~~ A method of producing a portable object in a card format ~~and the portable object~~ comprising :

- ~~an object a~~ body including a plastic support sheet (12), a plastic incorporation sheet (18), as well as a first external covering sheet (19) and a second external covering sheet (20);

- an antenna (11) provided with two antenna terminals (13), and
- an integrated circuit chip (14) provided with two connection pads (15), said chip (14) being incorporated in the incorporation sheet (18), each of said two connection pads (15) being electrically connected to one terminal (13) of the antenna,

said method comprising the ~~next stage according to which~~ following steps:

- the chip (14) is mounted on the support sheet (12), and

~~is characterised in that it further comprises the next stages according to which:~~

- the support sheet (12) on which the chip (14) has been mounted is rolled with the incorporation sheet (18) so as to obtain a first rolled unit in which the chip (14) is incorporated in the incorporation sheet (18); and ~~in a subsequent stage :~~

- the first rolled unit is covered with the first (19) and second (20) external covering sheets.

2. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the support sheet (12), the incorporation sheet (18), and the first (19) and second (20) external covering sheets are made of thermoplastic, namely PVC.

3. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterised in that~~ wherein the first covering sheet (19) directly covers the incorporation sheet (18) and in that the second covering sheet (20) directly covers the support sheet (12).

4. ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~2 to 3, characterised in that~~ wherein the stage in which the first rolled unit is covered with the first (19) and second (20) external covering sheets is accompanied by a rolling of the first rolled unit with said first (19) and second (20) covering sheets.

5. ~~Portable~~ A portable object in a ~~rolled~~ card format comprising:

- an object body including a plastic support sheet (12), a plastic incorporation sheet (18), as well as a first external covering sheet (19) and a second

external covering sheet (20);

- an antenna (11) equipped with two antenna terminals (13); and
- an integrated circuit chip (14) fitted with two connection pads (15), said chip (14) being incorporated in the incorporation sheet (18), each of said connection pads (15) being electrically connected to one antenna terminal (13),

~~characterised in that it further comprises~~ wherein:

- the first covering sheet (19) directly covers the incorporation sheet (18) and ~~in that~~ the second covering sheet (20) directly covers the support sheet (12).

6. ~~Object~~ The portable object according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the support sheet (12), the incorporation sheet (18) and the first (19) and second (20) covering sheets are made of PVC.